

Department of Telecommunications & Energy  
Berkshire Gas  
D.T.E. 01-91  
Information Request **DTE 1-1-A**  
Person Responsible: Michael Sommer

DTE 1-1-A                      Exhibit 1-A, under the heading "Space Heater Rental Properties", the Company states: "Large master-metered properties which fall under Berkshire's commercial and industrial rate class will be served under Berkshire's Commercial & Industrial Program". Please explain.

Response:                      As indicated in Exhibit 1-A, large master metered rental properties will fall under Berkshire commercial & industrial rate class and therefore be addressed under the Company's comprehensive DSM Commercial & Industrial program (as opposed to its RCS Program) approved in D.T.E. 01-29. The Company's Residential programs are designed to address the needs of typical residential structures. Conversely, large multifamily buildings have much different characteristics than that of single family properties and therefore are much better served under the Company's C&I Programs.

This program design has been in place and has worked well since the inception of the Company's energy efficiency programs, i.e. DPU 91-154 (1992) and has been reviewed and approved in all of the Company's previous DTE settlements, i.e. DPU, 91-154, DPU 94-168, DPU 96-92, DTE 98-93 and DTE 01-29.

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Information Request **DTE 1-1-B**  
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DTE 1-1-B                      Under the same heading section, please define the terms "subsidies" and "bonus per unit".

Response:                      Under the same heading section: *Space Heat Rental Properties*, the Company sets forth its contribution or "subsidy" based on the number of units in the building. In order to insure an equitable allocation of contributions among all types of properties, the Company designed this schedule of contribution level. The \$100 "bonus per unit" is designed to persuade landlords to install all of the recommended energy efficiency measures identified during the audit. The Company further required that one major measure, (i.e. instrumented air sealing, attic or wall insulation for the entire building) must also be included in order to qualify for the bonus.

This particular program design has also been in place since the inception of the Company's energy efficiency programs, i.e. DPU 91-154 (1992) and has been reviewed and approved in all of the Company's previous DTE DSM settlements, i.e. DPU, 91-154, DPU 94-168, DPU 96-92, DTE 98-93 and DTE 01-29.

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Information Request **DTE 1-2**  
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DTE 1-2                      Please explain, under Exhibit 2-C "Overhead", how the \$10 per audit amount was derived.

Response:                      The amount of "overhead" set forth in exhibit 2-C is a per audit fee of \$10 that is charged to the Company by its RCS vendor, the Center for Ecological Technology (CET). The overhead fee includes the vendor's costs associated with reporting, data entry, customer follow up, and other RCS-related tasks not covered under the actual site visit fee or audit delivery fee.

DTE 1-3      The Company's budget allocation provides for a DOER assessment charge and a DOER report charge.

- A.      Please explain each individual item attributed to both the assessment and the Report, the value of each individual item, and the calculation for each amount.
- B.      Please explain whether any expenses for the DOER report are already included in the DOER assessment.

Response      A and B

RCS Assessment: The Office of Consumer Affairs sends annually to DOER the total RCS assessment for the fiscal year. The maximum amount appears as a line item in the state budget. However, the assessed amount is actual DOER RCS expenses and takes into account-unspent money from the previous year. The assessment is apportioned by the RCS Guidelines 2.3.2.1.2 Assessment Budget and Apportionment Formula. This formula is:  $\% \text{Contribution} = ((\# \text{ARC} / \# \text{TRC}) + (\text{AR} - \text{MMBtus} / \text{TR} - \text{MMBtus})) / 2$

ARC = Administrator Residential Customers

TRC = Total Residential Customers

AR = MMBtus = Administrator's Residential MMBtus

TR = MMBtus = Total Residential MMBtus

In order to account for the difference in price difference of natural gas and electricity, DOER multiples electric MMBtus by a fuel value adjustment charge of three.

Evaluation: Funds in the DOER report will cover the cost of the third party contractor hired to complete the program evaluation, and utility staff time in overseeing that evaluation. No expenses in the DOER evaluation report budget are included in the DOER assessment.